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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering make the intention of 'I'tikaaf' because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafli (supererogatory) I'tikaafs, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

Unfortunate people

Sayyiduna Jābir Bin 'Abdullāh رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has narrated that the Prophet of creation, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: 'The one who finds Ramadan but does not observe fasts, is unfortunate; the one who has both his parents or any one of them

but does not treat them well, is unfortunate; the one who hears me being mentioned but does not recite Salāt, is unfortunate.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawā'id, vol. 3, pp. 340, Hadees 4773)

انہیں کس کے دُرود کی پروا بھیجے جب ان کا کردگار دُرود
بے کرم ہی کرم کہ سنتے ہیں آپ خوش ہو کہ بار بار دُرود

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayān, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'يَبِيتُ الْمُؤْمِنُ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.* (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayān

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayān attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient & calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ اللَّهُ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، تُؤَيُّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ، etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.

6. After the Bayān, I will approach other people by making Salām, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

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Intentions of delivering Bayān

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayān) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for reaping the rewards.
2. I will deliver my speech (Bayān) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.
3. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated in the Glorious Quran:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Īmān: ‘Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.’ (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

And the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

‘Convey from me even if it is a single verse.’ (Sahih Bukhari, Hadees 4361)

4. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.
5. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.

6. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In'aamaat and to join the 'Ilaaqa'i Daura for Nayki ki Da'wat' (area visit for calling towards righteousness).
7. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.
8. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

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Heart-warming saying of the Holy Prophet ﷺ

Sayyiduna Salmān Fārsī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that on the last day of Sha'bān, the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'O people! An auspicious and blessed month has approached you. In this month, there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made it Fard (obligatory) to observe fast in this sacred month. To offer (Tarāwīh Salāh) in its nights is Sunnah. If you do a good deed in this month, it will be equivalent to carrying out a Fard act of any other month and if you perform a Fard act in this month, it will be equivalent to carrying out 70 Fard acts of any other month. This is the month of patience whose reward is Heaven. This is the month of sympathy, and the believer's sustenance is increased in this month.

In this month, the one who serves a fasting person with something for Iftār, will be forgiven for his sins and his neck will be liberated from the Hell fire, and he will be rewarded the same as the one who observed fast, without any decrease in the reward of the fasting person.' The companions humbly asked, 'Yā Rasūlallāh صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Not all of us possess enough money (to present a meal to the fasting person) for Iftār.' He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will give this reward to the one who offers a sip of milk, a date or a sip of water to the fasting person, and the one who serves the fasting person with a meal satisfying his hunger will be given water from my pond (Kawsar) such that he will never feel thirsty and will enter Heaven.

The first ten days of this month are of mercy, the middle ten days are of forgiveness and its last ten days are freedom from the fire of Hell. One who treats his slave leniently in this month (by not burdening him with heavy duties) will be forgiven and liberated from the fire of Hell. In this month, there are four acts which you should do in abundance, two of them will earn the pleasure of Allah ﷻ for you, and you cannot miss the remaining two. The two which will earn you the pleasure of Allah ﷻ are:

1. To testify that there is none worthy of worship other than Allah ﷻ.
2. To ask for forgiveness.

The two things which you cannot do without are:

1. To ask Allah ﷻ for Heaven.
2. To seek the protection of Allah ﷻ from Hell.'

(*Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah*, vol. 3, pp. 191, Hadees 1887)

اَبَرِ رَحْمَتِ چھا گیا ہے اور سَماں ہے نُورِ نُورِ
فَصلِ رَبِّ سے مَغْفِرَتِ کا ہو گیا سامان ہے
ہر گھڑی رَحْمَتِ بھری ہے ہر طرف ہیں بَرَکتیں
ماہِ رَمَضانِ رَحمتوں اور بَرَکتوں کی کان ہے

(*Wasail-e-Bakhshish*, pp. 705)

Dear Islamic brothers! It is our good fortune that Allah ﷻ has blessed us with the sacred month of Ramadan once again. Allah ﷻ showers blessings upon us as soon as this blessed month arrives and the season of forgiveness & mercy overwhelms everybody. We should therefore express happiness upon the arrival of Ramadan and prepare in advance for welcoming this blessed month. The above mentioned blessed Hadees elaborates on the mercy, blessings and glory of Ramadan in great detail. In this month, we must make special efforts to please Allah ﷻ by reciting the blessed Kalimah Shareef as many times as possible, generously giving charity, continuously offering more prayers and by repenting in abundance. We must not neglect making Du'a and beg Allah ﷻ to allow us entry into Heaven and grant us protection from Hell. These are two main things we must constantly beg for.

If only we sinners are granted salvation from Hell by the merciful hands of the Prophet of Rahmah ﷺ for the sake of Ramadan! Imām-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat رحمۃ اللہ تعالیٰ علیہ has made the following plea in the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

تمنا ہے فرمائیے روزِ محشر یہ تیری ربائی کی چٹھی ملی ہے

Dear Islamic brothers! It was simply the normal routine of our pious predecessors رحمہم اللہ تعالیٰ that when this blessed month of Ramadan would begin, they would prepare for it with great fervour and enthusiasm and would become happy upon its arrival. Because this is that blessed month which is not just welcomed by us but Heaven (Jannah) is also adorned the whole year to welcome the blessed month of Ramadan.

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullāh Ibn ‘Umar رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہما has narrated that the Prophet of creation, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind ﷺ has stated, ‘Indeed, Heaven is adorned for Ramadan from the beginning of the year to the end.’ He ﷺ has further stated, ‘On the first day of Ramadan, a breeze blows beneath Heavenly trees, delighting the big eyed maidens of Heaven; the Heavenly maidens say, ‘Yā Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ make such bondmen of Yours our husbands who would receive great delight upon seeing us, and we would receive great delight upon seeing them.’

(Shu‘ab-ul-Īmān, vol. 3, pp. 312, Hadees 3633)

Dear Islamic brothers! What an excellent month this is! Each moment of this blessed month is full of blessings. So continue performing Salah, fasts, recite the Glorious Quran, make Zikr-o-Azkaar and other acts of worship as the reward in this moth get multiplied many times. Let’s listen to a blessed Hadees in this regard in order to increase the significance of this sacred month in our hearts, remember in the blessed month of Ramadan, countless blessings and favours descend for performing good deeds.

Sayyiduna Abū Sa’īd Khudrī رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ has narrated that the Holy Prophet ﷺ has said, ‘On the first night of Ramadan, the doors of the skies and Paradise are opened which remain open until the last night (of the

month). So if anyone offers Salāh in any night of this month, Allah ﷻ will reward him with 1,500 virtues in return of each Sajdah (prostration) and make a palace of red rubies for him that will have 60,000 doors. The doors will have gold coating that will be embroidered with red rubies. Thus, the one who observes the fast on the first day of Ramadan will be forgiven until the last day of the month and 70,000 angels عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام will seek forgiveness from Fajr Salah till sunset. Each time he prostrates during the day or night, he will be granted a tree in Heaven and each tree is so huge that a horse rider can ride under its shadow for 500 years.’ (Shu’ab-ul-Īmān, vol. 3, pp. 314, Hadees 3635)

بہائیو! بہنو! گناہوں سے سبھی توبہ کرو
خُلد کے دَر کھل گئے ہیں داخلہ آسان ہے

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 706)

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شُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ ﷻ! Dear Islamic brothers! What an enormous favour our Hannān and Mannān Allah ﷻ has bestowed upon us by granting this blessed month for the sake of His Beloved Rasool ﷺ! As soon as the first night of Ramadan starts, all the doors of Heaven are opened which are not closed till the last night, and the reward for good deeds is greatly increased. If just the first night of Ramadan brings the glad tidings of huge rewards and favours then who can imagine the blessings and excellence of the entire month of Ramadan. As Satan is locked up in this month, so it becomes easier to carry out virtuous deeds and still if anyone shows laziness in worshipping, it is considered extremely unfortunate. Therefore, we should respect this blessed month by performing increased worships and also persuade others to do the same as well, as there is no other blessed month like Ramadan, in this regard, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, ‘Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyaaee دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ has also mentioned the excellences & virtues of this blessed month of Ramadan in his remarkable book titled ‘Blessings of Ramadan’. Let’s listen to some excellences taken from this book.

Ramadan is the only month whose excellence is mentioned in the Holy Quran by name. No other month has been mentioned in the Quran by name, nor were such virtues of any other month described. Sayyidatuna Maryam رَحِمَی اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہَا is the only woman whose name is mentioned in the Quran, and Sayyiduna Zayd Ibn-e-Hārisah رَحِمَی اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہُ is the only companion whose name is mentioned in the Quran. This proves the greatness of these three.

In Ramadan, Du'as are answered at the time of Iftār and Saharī; i.e., at the time of Iftār and after having meal in Saharī time. This privilege has not been given to any other month.

There are five letters in the Arabic word رَمَضَانَ (Ramadan) ن, ا, ض, م, ر. The ر in رَمَضَانَ refers to the Rahmah (mercy) of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, م refers to the Mahabbat (love) of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, ض refers to the Damaan (guarantee) from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, ا refers to the Amaan (protection) granted by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and ن refers to the Nūr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

There are five special acts of worship in Ramadan. Fasting, Tarāwīh, recitation of the Holy Quran, I'tikāf, and worship in Layla-tul-Qadr. So anyone who sincerely performs these five forms of worship will deserve the abovementioned five favours. (*Tafsīr-e-Na'īmī*, vol. 2, pp. 208)

آگیا رمضان عبادت پر کمر اب باندھ لو
فیض لے لو جلد یہ دن تیس کا مہمان ہے

(*Wasail-e-Bakhshish*, pp. 705)

Persuasion of I'tikāf

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to take full advantage of Ramadan, we should observe I'tikāf. No doubt, every moment is full of blessings & bounties, but the most important part in this blessed month is the blessed night of Layla-tul-Qadr. To find this most sacred night, the Prophet of creation, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّى اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم performed I'tikāf even for the entire month of Ramadan, and he صَلَّى اللہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم would not miss it especially in the last ten days.

Once he ﷺ could not observe I'tikāf in Ramadan for some reason, so he ﷺ observed it in the last ten days of Shawwaal.

(*Sahīh Bukhārī*, vol. 1, pp. 671, Hadees 2031)

Similarly, once he ﷺ could not observe I'tikāf due to travelling, so he ﷺ observed I'tikāf for 20 days in the following month of Ramadan. (*Jāmi' Tirmizī*, vol. 2, pp. 212, Hadees 803)

There are numerous advantages and excellences of observing I'tikāf but the fact that the 'last ten days I'tikāf' is a Sunnah of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool ﷺ is sufficient for his true lovers, for this reason they are following this blessed act which was carried out by the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. The major advantage of observing I'tikāf is that Muslims refrains from sins for those number of days he would remain in the Masjid for I'tikāf and he would remain safe from committing sins which he would normally commit outside the Masjid, and it is the special blessings of Allah ﷻ that whatever good deeds he used to do outside the Masjid, will also be registered in his book of deeds constantly despite him being inside the Masjid, as it is mentioned in following blessed Hadees:

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet ﷺ has said: A Mu'takif remains safe from sins and the reward of righteous deeds is given to him as given to their doers. (*Sunan Ibn Mājah*, vol. 2, pp. 365, Hadees 1781)

Sayyiduna Hasan Basrī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ الْقَوِيُّ has narrated, 'A Mu'takif is granted the reward of performing Hajj every day.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Īmān*, vol. 3, pp. 425, Hadees 3968)

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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Dear Islamic brothers! As carrying out virtuous deeds in the blessed month of Ramadan is a great privilege, similarly, committing sin is a source of great loss. Our priority should be to seek the pleasure of Allah ﷻ but alas, some

people do not refrain from committing sins even in this blessed month nor do they care for Salah, nor do they have any regard for fasts but on the other hand, they are busy watching movies, dramas, backbiting, lying, tale-telling and other evil acts. In the same way during the sacred nights of Ramadan many youngsters play cricket, football etc., in streets and on the roads. They not only waste these precious moments by depriving themselves of worshipping but disturb other people as well. They neither worship themselves nor let others worship. These amusements make a Muslim heedless of Allah ﷻ, therefore righteous Muslims always stay away from them. Let alone playing, the pious Muslims avoid even watching and listening to commentaries of such useless activities. Therefore, we must avoid these things, especially in the most sacred moments of Ramadan.

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's listen to a severe warning to those who transgress and disrespect this blessed month of Ramadan:

Sinner in the month of Ramadan!

Sayyidatunā Umm-e-Haani رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool ﷺ warned, 'My Ummah will not be disgraced as long as it fulfils the rights of Ramadan.' He ﷺ was asked as to what was meant by the disgrace of the Ummah in this matter, he ﷺ replied, 'Committing sins in this month.'

He ﷺ has further stated, 'If anyone fornicates or drinks alcohol in this month Allah ﷻ and all His angels curse him, if he dies before the next Ramadan he will not have a single virtue to save him from the fire of Hell. So fear Allah ﷻ in terms of Ramadan. As the reward of good deeds is increased in this month compared to other months, the severity of sins also increases.'

(Al-Mu'jam-us-Saghīr, pp.247)

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تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ
صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Beware, O ungrateful ones!

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen how transgressors have been warned due to disrespecting the blessed month of Ramadan? Tremble with fear! Don't waste the blessed moments of Ramadan in sinful activities. As rewards for virtuous actions are increased in this month the harm & disadvantages of sins are also increased. One who fornicates or drinks alcohol in Ramadan is so unfortunate that if he dies before the next Ramadan, he will not have a single virtue to save him from the Hell fire.

Remember! The fornication of the eyes is to misuse them (by looking at Nā-Mahram women etc.) and that of the hands is to touch a woman (or an attractive lad with lust), so beware! In Ramadan (in fact always), do your best to avoid misusing your eyes in any way. Do not look at women and attractive boys. Apply the Madanī guard to your eyes as long as possible (make every possible effort to keep your eyes lowered). Alas! Sometimes even those Muslims who offer Salāh and fast, face the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the punishment of fire as a result of disrespecting Ramadan.

Dark spot on the heart

A blessed Hadees states, 'When a person commits a sin, a dark spot is marked on his heart. If he commits another sin, another dark spot is marked on his heart (and this continues) until his (entire) heart becomes dark. Then advice has no effect on his heart.' (*Ad-Dur-rul-Mansūr*, vol. 8, pp. 446)

It's obvious that if someone's heart is rusty and dark then how can words of piety and advice affect him? It becomes extremely difficult for such a person to avoid sins in Ramadan as well as in other months, and he finds it hard to perform good deeds. If somehow he does manage to occupy himself in acts of piety he does not enjoy himself carrying them out and tries to find ways to avoid the Sunnah-Inspiring Madanī environment. His Nafs makes him have long hopes and he becomes heedless and eventually dissociates himself from the Madanī environment. Such a person wastes the blessed moments of Ramadan in playing cricket and listening to music, playing cards and chess, gossiping, chatting etc. and thereby ruins these sacred and blessed moments.

گنہ لمحہ بہ لمحہ ہائے! اب بڑھتے ہی جاتے ہیں نہیں پر اس پہ ہائے کچھ ندامت یا رسول اللہ
گنہ کر کر کے ہائے! ہو گیا دل سخت پتھر سے کروں کس سے کہاں جا کر شکایت یا رسول اللہ

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 328)

Cure for darkness of the heart

It is absolutely compulsory to treat this darkness of the heart. An extremely effective treatment is to become the disciple of a perfect Murshid. In other words, one should become the disciple of a pious and righteous man who abides by the Sunnah, whose vision makes his disciples remember Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم, whose speech motivates his followers to offer Salāh and to act upon the blessed Sunnah and whose company inspires others to prepare for death and the afterlife. If one is fortunate enough to find such a competent Murshid then this darkness of the heart will certainly be cured, اِنْ شَاءَ اللہُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

And it is the special mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He عَزَّوَجَلَّ creates blessed saints صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم in every age in the Ummah of Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم who struggle to develop the mind-set of the people that **'I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world, اِنْ شَاءَ اللہُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.'** The perfect spiritual guide & mentor, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyae دَامَتْ بَرَکَاتُہُمْ الْعَالِیَہ has brought a revolution in the lives of millions of Muslims, especially in the lives of young people. Those Islamic brothers who are not disciples as yet, it is a humble request to them to become a disciple of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat in order to improve your world and the Hereafter. There is certainly no harm in becoming a disciple. It will bring about only benefits and comfort in both worlds اِنْ شَاءَ اللہُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ knows, when he دَامَتْ بَرَکَاتُہُمْ الْعَالِیَہ lances in our direction and washes the filth of our external and inner self.

Remember! We are not allowed to pass such comments about any particular Muslim sinner, whether his heart is dark or it has been sealed, due to which he does not accept my call to righteousness. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has the power to

make him repent and bring him onto the straight path. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ remove the darkness of our hearts!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

عطا کرم سے ہو ایسی مجھے حیا یا رب!

اُٹھے نہ آنکھ کبھی بھی گناہ کی جانب

سُنیں نہ کان بھی عیبوں کا تذکرہ یا رب!

کسی کی خامیاں دیکھیں نہ میری آنکھیں اور

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 83)

Dear Islamic brothers! Here is a parable which contains a warning for those fasting people who keep themselves engaged in playing cards, chess, video games, watching movies and listening to music etc.

Horrific scene of the grave!

Once Amīr-ul-Muminīn, Sayyiduna ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ went to a cemetery in Kufa where he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ saw a fresh grave; he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ desired to know its internal state, so he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ humbly implored Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, ‘Yā Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ reveal to me the condition of the deceased buried in this grave.’ Immediately, all the veils between him and the deceased were lifted. What he saw was a horrific scene; the deceased was being burnt by fire and screaming out for help from Sayyiduna ‘Alī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ:

يَاعَلِيُّ! أَنَا غَرِيقٌ فِي النَّارِ وَ حَرِيقٌ فِي النَّارِ

O ‘Alī (كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ)! I am drowning in fire and I am burning in fire.

The dreadful scene of the grave and the screams of the deceased person saddened Sayyiduna ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ. He lifted his hands in the court of his Merciful Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and began to make Du’a with utmost humility for the forgiveness of the deceased person. A voice echoed from the Ghayb (unseen), ‘O ‘Alī (كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ)! Do not intercede for him, as he used to

disrespect Ramadan in spite of fasting, he did not refrain from committing sins even in Ramadan, he used to fast during the day but would indulge in sins at night.’

Listening to this voice, Sayyiduna ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ became even more sad; he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ prostrated and began to cry. (With tears in his eyes) he said, ‘Yā Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Please accept my Du’a, this man has called out to me for help with high hopes, O Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ do not disappoint me in front of him, have mercy on him and forgive this helpless man.’ Sayyiduna ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ continued to make Du’a in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. He then heard a voice say, ‘O ‘Alī رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ! We have forgiven him for the sake of your grieved heart.’ The man was then relieved of punishment. (*Anīs-ul-Wā‘izīn*, pp. 25)

مَغْفِرَتِ كِرَوَائِي جَنَّتْ مِيں لے كے جائیے
وَاسِطَہ حَسَنِيں كا مولى على مُشْكَلِ كُشا

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! This parable should serve as an eye-opener for us. Man makes merry so long as he is alive, but when he dies, his eyes do not close, in actual fact, they open. Righteous deeds and wealth spent in the path of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ benefit the deceased, but it is unlikely that the wealth the deceased leaves behind will be spent wisely. There is just a little hope that the heirs of the deceased will spend his wealth in the path of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for the betterment of his afterlife.

‘Passing time’ whilst fasting

Dear Islamic brothers! There are many naive & unwise people who fast but then time hangs heavy on their hands and they put the honour of Ramadan aside and indulge in unlawful activities such as playing chess, cards and listening to music etc., in the name of ‘passing time’.

Remember! Playing chess and cards etc., are prohibited, even if no money or gambling is involved. A'lā Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has declared it absolutely Haraam to play cards because they have images of living beings printed on them. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said, 'The card game is absolutely prohibited because it shows honour to images in addition to it being a useless activity.'

(Fatāwā Razawīyyah, vol. 24, pp. 141,)

Introduction of a book

Dear Islamic brothers! Never waste the precious moments of Ramadan in useless and idle activities! Life is too short, so take advantage of its precious moments. Instead of wasting your time by playing cards and listening to songs in the name of 'passing time' try to utilize it reciting the Holy Quran and Salāt-'Alan-Nabī and remembering Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The thirstier and hungrier you are the more you will be rewarded. Go through the remarkable book 'Faizan-e-Ramadan' as well; it will be very much beneficial for you; it contains a lot of information and rulings about Salah, Fasting, Taraawih, I'tikāf and 'Eid-ul-Fitr along with plenty of Madani pearls. Also make the intention to study this book. This book has also been translated into different languages.

Introduction of Majlis-e-Tarajim

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! 'Majlis-e-Tarajim' is also one of the departments disseminating and propagating the thought & notion of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه around the world which is carrying out the service of translating books and booklets authored by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه into various languages so that people all over the world communicate other languages also take advantage of these books along with Urdu readers and they develop the mind-set of: 'I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world, اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ'. Therefore, until now, in a very short span of time, many books of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه have been translated into various languages.

We should not only read the books and booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madinah ourselves, but also persuade and motivate others to do the same; if possible present them to others as a gift. Instead of wasting time in worldly fun &

amusements, continue to perform virtuous deeds for seeking the will and pleasure of Allah ﷻ.

The Revered and Renowned Prophet ﷺ has stated, 'No doubt, this world is [like] sweet and green and Allah ﷻ will make you a successor therein, so, He ﷻ may test you in respect of your actions.'

(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 4, pp. 357, Hadees 4000)

Remember! Everyone has to reap what he has sowed; if he has carried out good deeds, he will be rewarded and if he was overpowered by the Nafs (carnal desires) and Satan and has spent his life committing sins, then Allah ﷻ forbid, he will deserve Hell as it is stated in the Glorious Quran:

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ ﴿٢٥﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Imaan: So whoever does a good deed equal to an atom's weight, shall see it. And whoever does an evil deed equal an atom's weight, shall see it.' (Part 30, Surah Az-Zilzaal, verse 7-8)

Surely, wise is the one, whose heart and soul is properly aware of the harms and disadvantages of sins; he not only refrains himself from sins but also attains the pleasure of Allah ﷻ by carrying out virtuous deeds. But, alas, the outcome of being far away from Deen and a lack of Islamic knowledge is in front of us that we witness only sin all around us where we look we find deprivation, degradation and wickedness; though the result of turning away from the Divine commandments is nothing but destruction and devastation.

Dear Islamic brothers! The path of virtue and evil are both clearly manifest and visible to us; all we have to decide is what to do and what to choose? Do we long for the Pleasure of Rahman ﷻ by obeying Him? Or want His displeasure by drowning ourselves into the sewer of sins. Remember! We will attain limitless blessings if we choose the path of virtue and if we adopt the path of disobedience then we may be accursed.

Sayyiduna Wahb رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ reported: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said to the Bani Israel: When a bondsman obeys Me I become pleased with him and descend blessings upon him. (Another narration states that My blessings have no limit) and when a bondsman disobeys Me, I curse him and My curse lasts till seven of his generations. (*Az-Zawajir*, vol. 1, pp. 28) الْأَمَانُ وَالْحَفِظُ

We seek refuge from being included amongst those people upon whom Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has put a curse.

تُوْ بَس رَہنا سدا راضی نہیں ہے تابِ ناراضی
تُو ناخوش جس سے ہو برباد ہے تیری قسم مَولی

(*Wasail-e-Bakhshish*, pp. 98)

Causes behind several torments of the Bani Israel

It is narrated when Sayyiduna Huzayfah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was humbly asked: Did the Bani Israel leave its Deen due to which they were inflicted with different kinds of torments such as their faces were transformed into monkeys and pigs or they were commanded to kill themselves? He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ replied, 'No, when they were instructed to carry out anything, they would give it up and when they were forbidden from anything, they would commit that thing without considering the consequences, even they were out of the fold of their Deen in a such a way, as a man is out of his clothing.' (*Az-Zawajir*, vol. 1, pp. 26)

We have learned that sins may destroy our Imaan and surely there is no major devastation than that of being depriving of Iman especially for a Muslim. Therefore, seek repentance immediately and make it your routine to act upon the commandments of the Quran and Sunnah. Ponder seriously! What would we do if we depart from this world while committing sins then we will be inflicted with torment? If our grave constricted & crushes us and our ribs interlock with each other then how terrible pain we shall experience! We cannot bear an injury if hit by a stone; if the angels start bashing our bodies then what will happen to our sensitive & delicate bones? Imagine the torments caused as a result of displeasing Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ then make a decision whether it is easier to refrain from sins than bearing their torments?

Certainly, none amongst us, have such endurance & stamina to bear these torments. Let's seek repentance now, we still have time to spend the rest of our lives the in obedience to Allah ﷺ because success lies only in this.

گناہوں سے مجھے ہو جائے نفرت یا رسول اللہ
نکل جائے بُری ہر ایک خصلت یا رسول اللہ
کمر اعمالِ بد نے ہائے میری توڑ کر رکھ دی
تباہی سے بچالو جانِ رحمت یا رسول اللہ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Ten evil effects of sins

Ameer-ul-Mu`minin Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin Khattaab رضى الله تعالى عنه has stated that, do not misunderstand the saying of Allah ﷺ:

مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ
أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلُهَا

Translation from Kanz-ul-Imaan: For one who brings one good deed, then for him there are ten ten like it; and one who brings an ill-deed will not be recompensed but with one like it. (Part 8, Sūrah Al-An'ām, verse 160)

Even if the sin is just one, it brings forth ten evil effects with it:

1. A person displeases Allah ﷺ by committing sins, and indeed Allah ﷺ is Capable of punishing.
2. The one who commits sins makes Satan happy.
3. He distances himself from Jannah.
4. He draws closer to Hell.
5. He causes harm to the most precious thing to him, which is his own life.
6. He corrupts his inner-being though he himself is pure.

7. He upsets Kirāman Kaatibeen [i.e. Angels writing his deeds].
8. Such an individual saddens the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in his blessed shrine.
9. He makes all the creatures of earth and the Heavens a witness to his disobedience.
10. He breaches the trust of all humans and disobeys Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

(Bahr-ud-Dumu', pp.30)

Dear Islamic brothers! Everyone knows about the loss of the hereafter, torments of Hell and different types of punishments inflicted in the dark grave, but remember! Evil effects of sins brings various types of harms and disadvantages in the world too, out of them, some are being mentioned here:

1. One loses sustenance
2. Overwhelmed by calamities
3. Life shrinks
4. Health deteriorates after a sudden weakness of the heart and all over the body
5. Being deprived of acts of worship
6. One loses wisdom
7. Being humiliated in the eyes of people
8. Reduction in the growth of crops and orchards
9. Deprived of blessings
10. Being frustrated and anxious all the time
11. Falls in incurable disease at once
12. Being accursed by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, His blessed angels عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام, His Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام and His pious people.
13. The Noor of Imaan from his faces fades away
14. Losing the sense of honour & shame

15. Surrounded by humiliation, dishonour and failures etc.,

These are the harms and disadvantages that cause great worldly loss.

(Jannati Zaywar, pp.143)

گناہوں کی نحوست بڑھ رہی ہے دم بدم مولیٰ! میں توبہ پر نہیں رہ پا رہا ثابت قدم مولیٰ!
گناہوں نے مجھے ہائے! کہیں کا بھی نہیں چھوڑا کرم ہو آز طفیلِ سیدِ عرب و عجم مولیٰ!

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's listen to some sins with their evil consequences and destruction and make a firm determination to abstain from sins. Lying is also one of these evils. It is that evil habit whose sinner finds no abode in the world and the Hereafter; a lying man gets humiliated and disgraced everywhere; he loses his prestige and trust.

The Blessed and Beloved Rasool ﷺ has stated, 'One cannot become a perfect believer unless he leaves lying and quarrelling in joking, though he is a truthful person.'

(Al-Musnad, lil Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 3, pp. 268, Hadees 8638)

Similarly, a bad end (death) is a cause of an evil effect of backbiting, the one who commits backbiting frequently, his Du'a is rejected; backbiting snatches the Noor of Salah and fasting; one can easily guess the terrible evil effect of backbiting from this following Blessed Hadees. The Blessed and Beloved Rasool ﷺ has stated: 'الْغِيْبَةُ أَشَدُّ مِنَ الزَّانَا' *Backbiting is worst than adultery.* (Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 3, pp. 331, Hadees 24)

Likewise, domestic dispute, hate, spite and malice are the causes of backbiting, even Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ does not like that person. It is stated in a blessed Hadees: 'Virtuous bondsmen are those in the Sight of Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ, if they are looked at,

they make others remember Allah ﷺ and bad bondsmen of Allah ﷺ are those who backbite, sever ties friends and pick faults in noble people.

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 6, pp. 291, Hadees 18020)

Like backbiting, foul language and vulgarism is also a cause of discord and clashes; it spreads hatred, hostility as well as it breeds enormous destructions such as killings, arguing and fighting etc., the Blessed and Beloved Rasool ﷺ has stated, 'Abusing a Muslim is tantamount to destroying one's own self.' (Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 3, pp. 377, Hadees 4363)

In the same way, jealousy is also a negative trait and a major sin. The jealous person ruins his life in the fire of jealousy and suffocation and he finds no peace and tranquillity in his life. Jealousy eats away virtues just as fire consumes wood.

In the same manner, here is another evil, 'pride and arrogance' which may be a cause of catastrophic loss such as incurring the displeasure of Allah ﷺ, hatred from creatures, disgrace & humiliation on the plains of Resurrection, deprivation of Divine blessings & favours and deserving of Hell.

The most Renowned and Respected Prophet ﷺ has stated: Whosoever has in his heart as much pride as a grain of a mustard seed, will not enter Jannah. (Sahih Muslim, pp. 60, Hadees 147)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen how these sins breed dangerous and deadly evils in our society, therefore, whether the sin is major or minor, try to refrain from it as Sayyiduna Bilāl Bin Sa'd رضى الله تعالى عنه has stated: Do not consider the smallness of sin but examine that whom you are disobeying.

(Az-Zawajir, pp. 27)

So, if we make up our minds while committing sin that Rab-e-Kareem ﷺ Whom I am disobeying is watching me all the time in every state of mine then **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ﷺ** we shall ward off sins to a large extent as well as the best source of getting rid of sins and showing hatred towards them is to be associated with any virtuous environment. In today's predominantly evil & sinful era,

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami is a great blessing; keep yourselves associated with this fragrant Madani environment, اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will attain benefits & favours of this world and the Hereafter.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Summary of speech (Bayan)

Dear Islamic brothers! In today's Bayan, we have heard about the blessings of Ramadan, evil effects of sin & punishments of sins committed in the blessed month of Ramadan, including a warning which was given to those transgressors who disrespect and disrespect this blessed month of Ramadan. Moreover, we have also learned that evil effects of sins which obviously are the causes of incurring the displeasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and destruction of this world and the Hereafter. Therefore, we should occupy ourselves with acts that please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ so that we receive the perpetual and eternal blessings and benefits of this world and the Hereafter.

Participate in the 12 Madani activities

After associating yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, to take part in the 12 Madani activities of Zayli Halqahs are also the sources of carrying out virtuous deeds and refraining from sins.

Persuasion of I'tikāf

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The blessed month of Ramadan is here and the blessings and favours of this sacred month is beyond one's imagination as the opportunities of carrying out virtues are multiplied. So, observing 10 days I'tikāf or the entire month in I'tikāf is a great source of abstaining from sins, acquiring more knowledge and it is a month of multiplying virtues. Judge the excellence of I'tikāf through this blessed Hadees: the Mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna 'Āishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهَا has narrated the following fragrant saying of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم:

مَنْ اعْتَكَفَ إِيْمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

Translation: Whoever observed I'tikāf with faith in order to earn reward all of his previous sins will be forgiven. (*Al-Jāmi'-us-Saghīr*, pp. 516, Hadees 8480)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you observed how many opportunities one has? O lovers of the Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet ﷺ! If possible, observe I'tikāf every year. If not possible, observe I'tikāf in the last ten days of Ramadan at least once in your life.

The Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ would always try his best to gain the pleasure of Allah عزَّوجلَّ. He ﷺ would worship abundantly especially in Ramadan. As Layla-tul-Qadr is hidden in Ramadan, the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah ﷺ once observed I'tikāf for the entire month in order to search for this blessed night.

Staying in the Masjid is a great blessing, a Mu'takif is so fortunate that he stays in the Masjid leaving all his activities in order to gain the pleasure of Allah عزَّوجلَّ.

Fatawā 'Aalamgirī states, 'The benefits of I'tikāf are obvious, when a person observes I'tikaaf, he completely devotes himself in worshipping for the pleasure of Allah عزَّوجلَّ, giving up all worldly affairs and activities that obstruct him in earning the pleasure of Allah عزَّوجلَّ. All of his time is spent in Salah, either physically or spiritually, because the primary purpose of performing I'tikāf is to wait for Salah with Jamā'at and the reward of waiting for Salah is like that of offering Salah. A Mu'takif resembles the angels who do not disobey Allah عزَّوجلَّ and obey every of His command, he resembles those who glorify Allah عزَّوجلَّ day and night and never gets tired of doing so.'

(*Fatawa 'Ālamgirī*, vol. 1, pp. 212)

Dear Islamic brothers! One finds lots of opportunities in the blessed month of Ramadan for performing virtuous deeds! We should also observe entire month in I'tikāf following the blessed Sunnah of the Noblest Prophet ﷺ at least once in our life if it is not possible every year and should persuade

and motivate others to observe I'tikāf as well. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** the entire month I'tikāf and last 10 days Sunnah I'tikāf will be arranged all over the world under Dawat-e-Islami. In Pakistan, 126 and 4000 locations for entire month I'tikāf and 10 days Sunnah I'tikāf respectively are the goals. The largest I'tikāf will be observed in global Madani Markaz Faizan-e-Madinah at Karachi Pakistan in which Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** will also be Mu'takif (person observing I'tikāf), **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. In I'tikāf, Islamic brothers learn Shar'i rulings regarding Wudu, Ghusl, Salah, Fasting and other issues as well as acquire lots of information from the answers asked from Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** in Madani Muzakarahs.

رحمتِ حق سے دامن تم آ کر بھرو
مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف
سُنَّتیں سیکھنے کے لیے آؤ تم
مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whole family embraced Islam

An Islamic brother has stated: A new Muslim (who embraced Islam as a result of the efforts of a Muballigh of Dawat-e-Islami) was blessed with the opportunity to take part in the congregational I'tikāf that was held in the Memon Masjid of Kalyan (Maharashtra, India) by Dawat-e-Islami in Ramadan (1426 A.H./2005). The Sunnah-Inspiring speeches, cassette Ijtimā'at and Sunnah-Inspiring learning sessions all had a deep Madanī impact upon him. Due to the blessings of I'tikāf, he developed a passion to preach his blessed religion. His other family members were still wandering in the darkness of polytheism & unbelief. Having completed the I'tikāf, he began making attempts for reforming his family. He even sent for the Muballighīn (preachers) of Dawat-e-Islami for inviting his family towards Islam.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! His parents, two sisters and a brother embraced Islam and were initiated into the spiritual Qādiriyyah Razawiyyah spiritual order and hence they became disciples of Ghaus-e-A'zam **رحمۃ اللہ تعالیٰ علیہ**.

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I take this opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.' (Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

سینہ تری سُنّت کا مدینہ بنے آقا جَنّت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Wearing shoes: 7 Madani pearls

1. The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Wear shoes sufficiently, for it is as if one is on a ride (that is, he does not tire much) as long as he is wearing shoes.' (Sahih Muslim, pp. 1161, Hadis 2096)
2. Clean out the shoes before wearing them so that any insects or stones are removed.
3. First put on the right shoe then the left. When taking them off, take off the left one first then the right.
4. Men should wear men's shoes and women should wear women's shoes.
5. Sadr-ush-Shari'ah, Badr-ut-Tariqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْقَوِي has stated, 'Women should not wear men's shoes. Furthermore, all those things which differentiate the two genders are not allowed for the opposite, whether it is the action or appearance. Neither men should adopt feminine styles nor should women adopt masculine styles.' (Bahar-e-Shari'at, pp. 65, vol. 16)
6. When you sit down take off the shoes as this gives comfort to the feet.
7. One of the causes of destitution is to leave the shoe lying upside down when found like that. If you see a used shoe upside down, put it upright.

To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Ādaab*, comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet.

مجھ کو جذبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پروردگار سُنّتوں کی تربیت کے قافلے میں بار بار

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Salawaat-‘Alan-Nabi that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima’ (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-‘Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى اٰلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (Afzal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رضي الله تعالى عنه that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم has stated, 'Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' (*ibid*, pp. 65)

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, pp. 277)

4. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-'Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Sawi عليه رحمه الله الهادي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-'Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afzal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ], and the Holy Prophet ﷺ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq رضى الله تعالى عنه. The respected companions رضى الله تعالى عنهم were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, 'When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.'

(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 125)

6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet ﷺ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(Attarghib Wattarhib, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees 31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbās رضى الله تعالى عنه that the Noble and Blessed Prophet ﷺ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharāib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'ā three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'ā:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيم' and 'كَرِيم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.